

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY  
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## Family Hardship Program

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### **What Is The Program Description?**

The Family Hardship Program assists families of youth receiving residential chemical dependency treatment services with transportation costs. Funding covers reimbursement for families to transport youth to and from facilities, and for any required or necessary treatment activities the family must attend. Funding covers car, air, bus, ferry fares, and lodging when overnight stay is required. Prior approval for funding is necessary, and is provided directly to the treatment agency, which then reimburses the family.

Funding is also available to assist programs that admit difficult-to-control youth with critical clinical issues or multiple needs to pay for the additional short-term staff time necessary to stabilize the youth in a residential unit.

### **What Populations Are Served/ Who Is Eligible For These Services?**

Low-income families of youth admitted to DBHR-contracted residential chemical dependency treatment. Priority is for required treatment services for those families with the greatest need for travel and lodging assistance.

### **How Many People Are Served During The Biennium?**

Approximately 100 families per month receive some assistance through the program.

### **What Is the Biennial Funding Amount And Source(s)?**

Total biennial funding available is \$160,000. Source of funds is General Funds-State. Funding is obligated in youth residential treatment services contracts.

### **What Would Be The Impact If This Program Was No Longer Available?**

Many families of low-income youth would not be able to access residential treatment services due to travel barriers. Cuts to this funding would also limit family participation in treatment, which has been shown to be a critical factor in positive outcomes, retention, and completion.

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**What Agencies Collaborate With DBHR To Deliver These Services?**

N/A.

**What Are The Sources for Program Data or More Information?**

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